GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ISSUANCE OF RATION CARDS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether ration cards are required to be issued within a period of one month from the date of receipt of applications under the Public Distribution System (PDS) Control Order, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the audit examination has revealed lapses in the issue of ration cards beyond the stipulated period;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of defaulter States; and

(d) the action taken against such States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) in his report no.16 of 2006 vide para 7.2.5 has stated that there were delays in issuance of ration cards beyond one month in States of Delhi, Kerala, Meghalaya, Sikkim & West Bengal. Also adequate details indicating relevant dates so as to reflect the extent of delay were not maintained in Gujarat, Goa and A&N Islands.

(d): On receipt of the audit report, the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations have been directed to take immediate necessary corrective steps to ensure smooth functioning of TPDS.